

In the Claims:

1-53. (Canceled)

54. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 9; or

~~(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 9; lacking its associated signal peptide; or~~

~~(e)~~(b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209265.

55. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 54 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 9.

56. (Canceled).

57. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 54 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209265.

58. (Previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 54 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

59. (Previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 58, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is an epitope tag or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.